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First Lady Obama:

Many schools across the United States celebrate a special time in March known as Read Across America. This celebration is designed to honor famous children's author, Dr. Seuss. His birthday is March 2, and schools across America plan different activities to promote reading and literacy during that time.

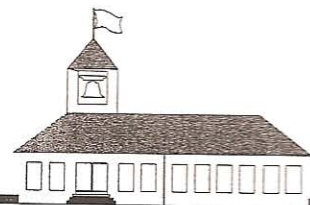
This year I decided that we should "truly" Read Across America!! The students here at Chester Elementary in Spokane, Washington have read the book, *Oh The Places You'll Go* by Dr. Seuss and have forwarded this book on to other schools across this great nation. Each of those schools have read it to their students and continued to pass it along. In a small way, I guess you could say it turned out to be a "read around the world" experience as one of the participating schools is on a military base stationed in Okinawa, Japan.

The students all across our country have used this as a learning opportunity. They have learned the geography of the United States and the state capitals as well as some of the differences within America where the book has journeyed. The students also graphed the miles that the book traveled from one place to another, and ultimately, how far the book traveled altogether.

I created a wiki where the students could learn about each place. I would like to invite you to celebrate with us by checking out the Read Across America wiki at the following web address: <http://readacrossamerica.wikispaces.com/>

Please accept this copy of *Oh The Places You'll Go* in honor of American's students and the unlimited places to which they might endeavor to go.

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